

“Children are not vessels to be filled, but lamps to be lit.”

-Swami Chinmayananda

“Children are our future... We must strive to mold them to think correctly, to judge rightly and to have the heroism to live up to their convictions.”

Chinmaya BalaVihar was started in the Spring of 2001. Since its inception it has grown to around 45 children. Classes are conducted every Sunday from 10:00 am to noon at the IRC Center. Children learn about moral and cultural values thru games, crafts and other creative, fun-filled activities. Chanting of slokas and verses from the Bhagavad Gita gives them a feel for the religious aspects of the Hindu culture. All children ages 3 thru 18 are welcome to take part in the BalaVihar activities.

At this time Bala Vihar is looking for more children to enroll in the program and reap the benefits at an early age. For further information, please contact:

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